

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed August 19, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.

1. **Present Status Of Patent Application**

Claims 15-36 are currently pending in the present application. The Applicants herewith submit the above amendments to the claims and remarks specifically responding to the rejections raised by the Examiner in the Final Office Action.

2. **Summary Of The Rejections**

The Final Office Action objects to the Applicants' Amendment filed June 1, 2004 under 35 U.S.C. § 132 because it purportedly introduces new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The Final Office Action alleges that material purportedly added by the Amendment is not supported by the original disclosure.

The Final Office Action rejects claims 15-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as purportedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

The Final Office Action further rejects claims 15-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,162,776 to Sibley et al. (*Sibley*) alone.

In response, and as discussed in the August 26, 2004 telephone conference between Applicants' Counsel and the Examiner, the Applicants submit amended claims, and remarks stating the support for the changes made to the Application's Specification. The Applicants believe that the objections and rejections of the Office Action have been fully addressed herein.